(b) whether it is a fact that MMD has been delaying clearances of small firms all over the country;

(c) if so, what are the remedial steps proposed by Government to ensure that MMD gives the same priority and efficiency to small firms as it routinely does for large shipping firms; and

(d) the steps proposed to outsource the work of MMD for more efficiency?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir. However, recently the Government have approved setting up of two new Regional Offices of the Mercantile Marine Departments at Kochi and Kandla, and new district level Offices at Kandla, Paradip, New Mangalore and Haldia.

(b) and (c) There is no delay in clearances of small firms anywhere in the country. All the rules and regulations have been published in the (www.dgshipping.com) website and they are updated from time to time. Online contact forms have been put on the website so that in case of any delay, firms/companies, irrespective of the size and composition, could directly take up any matter with the Directorate General of Shipping at the top level for expediting clearances. There is no question of any delay caused to any firms because of its size or constitution.

(d) Outsourcing of MMD work in respect of some of Survey and Inspection works outside India, mother Surveys for all Indian ships, majority of safety construction surveys etc. have already been done in order to improve overall performance of Indian Maritime Administration.

Over-Bridge at Gundugolanu

1023. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the demand of the Road Safety Forum of Andhra Pradesh for a pedestrian over-bridge at Gundugolanu on NH-5;

(b) whether NHAI is delaying in taking the forum into confidence;

(c) the steps proposed for a fresh review of the entire demand; and

(d) the reasons for not taking appropriate action in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (d) The demand of the Road Safety Forum of Andhra Pradesh to provide pedestrian

over-bridge at Gundugolanu on NH-5 was received in National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). NHAI has already replied to the Forum that no built-up area on both sides exists at this location and hence there is no requirement of pedestrian over-bridge. The pedestrian over-bridges are provided to facilitate frequent crossing of road by the public only at built up area. No fresh review of the demand is required.

CRF for Andhra Pradesh

1024. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh from the Central Road Fund (CRF) during the last one year;

(b) the details of the works sanctioned from the fund during the last one year in the State;

(c) the number of pending project proposals of the State in this regard with the Central Government; and

(d) the steps taken for the expeditious clearance of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) 77 Central Road Fund (CRF) proposals costing Rs. 182.59 Crore have been sanctioned during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06. The details of the sanctioned works are in the statement (*See* below).

(c) No proposal of Andhra Pradesh State is pending for sanction under CRF with Central Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

List of the works Sanctioned under C.R.F. (2004-05 & 2005-06 upto 31-10-2005)

(Rs. in lakhs)

SL. No.	Name of the Districts	Name of the work	Length of road (in km.)	Sanctioned amount
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Ranga Reddy	Improvement to Shameerpet to Ghatkesar road from km. 9/6 to 22/6	13.00	134.00